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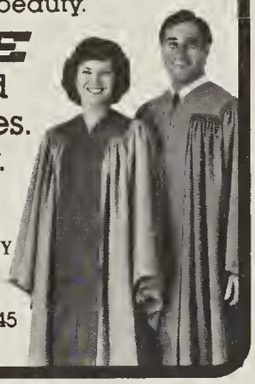

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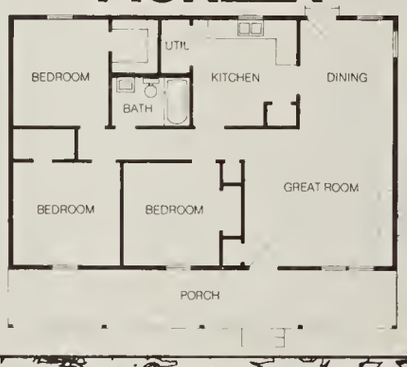

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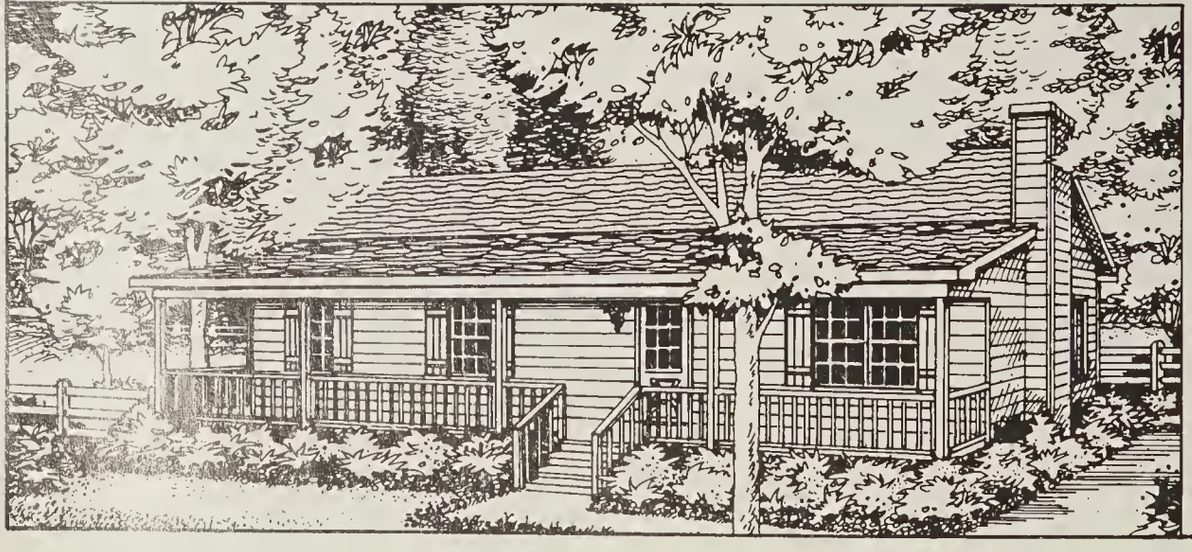

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Generating More Than Electricity

The following editorial was written by Bob rgland, executive vice president of the Na- nal Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

I'm an optimist about people power.

Maybe that's because I see so many people ural communities—areas often left behind ile the rest of the country prospers—harness- their can-do spirit to pump new life into ir local economy.

In one area of west Texas, for example, the nager of Midwest Electric Co-op in Fisher nty and other community leaders simply en't willing to watch their economy deterio- and their population dwindle. So they did nething about it.

They formed an economic commission, and jects to revive local assets—like restoring oric Main Street storefronts—were put into ion. They brought in new business and pro- d the professional services needed to sup- t commercial development.

Today, with a new livestock processing lt, a business "incubator" and other signs of vth, parents and youngsters look at their netown with a whole new vision.

Fisher County's story is not unique. Neither is the leadership provided by the electric co-op there. In fact, there are 1,000 rural electric systems in 46 states, helping communities cope with challenging conditions. These electric co-ops, owned by the people they serve, provide the leadership and resources needed to strengthen community foundations.

In Alabama, a local co-op has helped build and operate a water system for several thousand people. A sporting goods plant in South Dakota was saved when a co-op manager found a buyer for the facility. In Vermont, a languishing farming community built a ski village and training center with a co-op's help. Co-ops in Wisconsin formed an organization to rebuild homes and businesses after natural disasters. The list goes on and on.

These are powerful examples of leadership and cooperation in generating local economic growth. And by bringing growth to the rural economy, rural electric systems are generating more than electricity—they are strengthening the nation's economic foundation.

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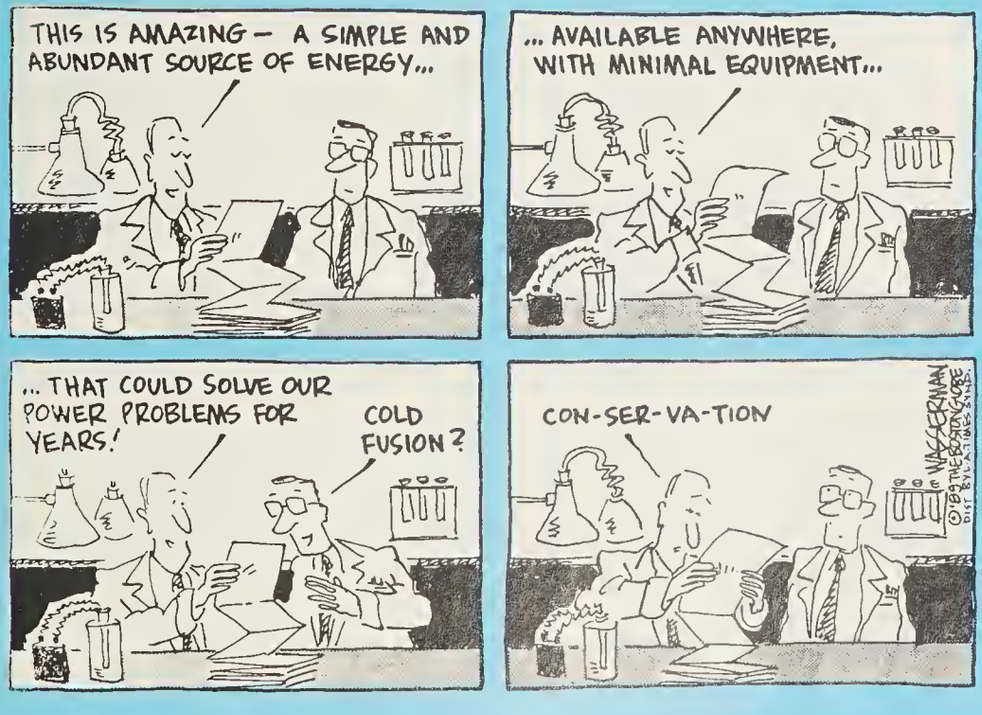
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Cover: "Jewels" By Richard Tumbleste

This month's cover features "Jewels," an original painting by Wat County artist Richard Tumbleston. Limited edition prints of the image available for sale to the public.

The Boone Jaycees are offering 1,000 signed and numbered prin raise money for the Watauga County Hunger Coalition.

The coalition is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to fig ing hunger in the mountain areas of North Carolina. During the past y the coalition provided help to needy families with food, heat and med

"Jewels" features an old mountain flower called cosmos, accordi Tumbleston. They're shown growing as if woven through the opening split rail fence made of chestnut, he said.

The art work is being offered as a 9" x 12" print with all procee going to the coalition.

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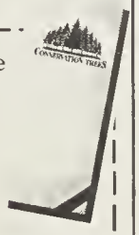

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Readers:

"Rural Memories," the country store scene we featured on our April cover, has struck a nostalgic chord with many of our readers. Hundreds of them have already ordered limited edition prints of the image, which was painted especially for the cover by Pam Renfroe of Bowman, GA.

Pam and her partner-husband Bob said they never expected the volume of orders they've had to cope with. "We had no idea that it would turn out to be such a big success," said Bob.

Many of the orders have been accompanied by notes from readers, commenting on the memories that were evoked by the art work.

Harry G. Davis of Charlotte said the painting could have been a photograph of "my uncle John's store in Buie, North Carolina—at least, it was as I remember it. What delightful memories! Thank you for your prompt attention and more importantly for sharing your special talent with one who is very close to your subject matter."

Donnie F. Beasley of Rt. 2, Benson, said, it's "really special because it shows a time when America was not in the rat race that it's in today."

Memories were also especially stirred for Gwen Swing of Rt. 17, Lexington and Richard B. Bryant of Tarboro. Mrs. Swing, who grew up in Georgia, said, "The country store reminds me of many I saw as a child!" Bryant said, "I worked at a store like this! Good job! How we forget!"

Several readers mentioned that they plan to use the print as a gift for friends or loved ones. One of them was Mrs. Gerald N. Baker of Valdese, who ordered two prints for this purpose. She said, "One of these prints is for my husband, who is a petroleum jobber for Unocal, which was once Union Oil Co.—which absorbed Pure Oil Co. The other is for the vice president of Unocal's Eastern Marketing Division, who's a collector of Pure Oil memorabilia." The painting features a Pure Oil gas pump in front of the old store.

Copies of the 18-by-15-inch, signed and numbered prints are still available for $35 each plus $5 for shipping and handling. Mail orders to Renfroe Collection of Fine Art, Box 2, Bowman, GA 30624. For phone orders using major credit cards, call (404) 245-5357.

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One of my fellow communicators has gently chided me for an error that appeared in our April "Country Kitchen" column. It related to the first recipe published as part of a series for "tasty-and-healthy" dishes.

Shirley Sullivan, a communications specialist with Southern States Cooperative in Richmond, submitted a recipe for the series and enclosed a note saying, "Your promotion for the good recipes refers to them as tasty-and-healthy. The recipes are healthful—people are healthy. Just figured in the rush of getting an issue out that got by—and you'd want to do something about it for posterity or something."

We will, indeed! When the series resumes, it'll be titled, "Tasty-and-Healthful."

Best regards,

Duncan Bishop

Four Co-ops Re-elect 13 Incumbent Directors

A total of 13 incumbents have been re-elected to the Boards of Directors of four North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) during recent co-op annual meetings:

• **French Broad EMC,** Marshall—Re-elected were John O. Corbett of Marshall; Bill Riddle of Burnsville; Warren Buchanan of Burnsville and W. G. Plemmons of Rt. 4, Leicester.

Board officers for the coming year are: John O. Corbett, president; Bill Riddle, vice president; I. E. Cleveland of Burnsville, secretary and Albert Freeman of Marshall, treasurer.

• **Halifax EMC,** Enfield—Re-elected were Thomas E. Bazemore of Rt. 2, Enfield; Marion R. Smith of Rt. 1, Oak City and Leon S. Williams of Rt. 3, Warrenton.

Board officers for the coming year are: Morrell Jones Jr. of Rt. 1, Enfield, president; Robert T. Harris of Littleton, vice president; Plummer Hardy Jr. of Rt. 3, Enfield, secretary-treasurer and Helen A. Fleming of Rt. 2, Scotland Neck, assistant secretary-treasurer.

• **Piedmont EMC,** Hillsborough—Re-elected were C. Franklin Murphy of Rt. 3, Mebane; Alvin H. Hawkins of Rt. 1, Hurdle Mills and H. T. Gillis of Rt. 2, Roxboro.

Board officers for the coming year are: Richard C. Roberts of Rt. 1, Hillsborough, president; C. Franklin Murphy, vice president; Marvin L. Poythress of Rt. 5, Chapel Hill, secretary and Alvin H. Hawkins, treasurer.

• **Wake EMC,** Wake Forest—Re-elected were John M. Ferrell of Rt. 5, Durham; Robert Joe Eddins of Rt. 3, Zebulon and C. Earl Smith of Rt. 5, Oxford.

Board officers for the coming year are: John M. Ferrell, president; Roy Ed Jones of Rt. 3, Wake Forest, vice president; Robert Joe Eddins, secret and J. Howard Co yers of Rt. 1, Frank ton, treasurer.

Meanwhile, Del Cranford of Rt. 3, Denton, has been named to the boa Randolph EMC, A boro, filling the u pired term of the Dolan G. Surratt 3, Denton. Surratt died in February serving on the bo for 29 years. Cran ford's grandfather G. C. Cranford, se on the EMC boar from its formatio 1939 until 1960.

Brevard Center Schedules A Stellar Line Up

Spanish guitarist Angel Romero and Metropolitan Opera mezzosoprano Katherine Ciesinski will be just a few of the highlights at this season's concert schedule at the Brevard Music Center.

The season, which will run from June 30 through Aug. 13, will feature more than 50 concerts, musicals, operas and symphonies—with many nationally-known artists performing.

For a schedule of events for the season, contact the Brevard Music Center, P.O. Box 592, Brevard, NC 28712. Phone: (704) 884-2019.

Conservation Efforts Cited

A McDowell County school teacher and the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District were recently honored for their outstanding efforts in conservation.

Jeanette R. Jarrett of Marion was named North Carolina's Outstanding Conservation Education Teacher of the Year while the Wake District won the N. C. Outstanding Conservation Education Award.

The awards, given annually by the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Duetz-Allis Corporation, recognize teachers and organizations that best promote soil and water conservation awareness.

Jarrett, a teacher at Glenwood Elementary in McDowell County, was honored for her efforts in teaching forestry, land use, pollution and litter awareness to her students.

Her school has won more than 15 local and national awards in beautification and conservation and was second in the nation in the 1988 Keep America Beautiful National Awards Program.

The Wake Soil and Water Conservation District was cited for its educational program in local schools, which reached more than 1,200 students. The district's local meetings provided information to half of the county's property owners where land erosion is a problem.

The two state winners will next compete in a regional elimination with entries from 10 other Southern states.

Fourth Annua Fun Day Set In Lewiston

Food, entertai ment, games, sing motorcycle cont and a hot air ball display will be fe tured at the 4th Annual Fun Day, 24, in the Bertie County commun of Lewiston.

The event, spo sored by the Nor Human Develop Center, is schedu for 11 a.m. to 6 p the center on Hi 308 East in Lewi

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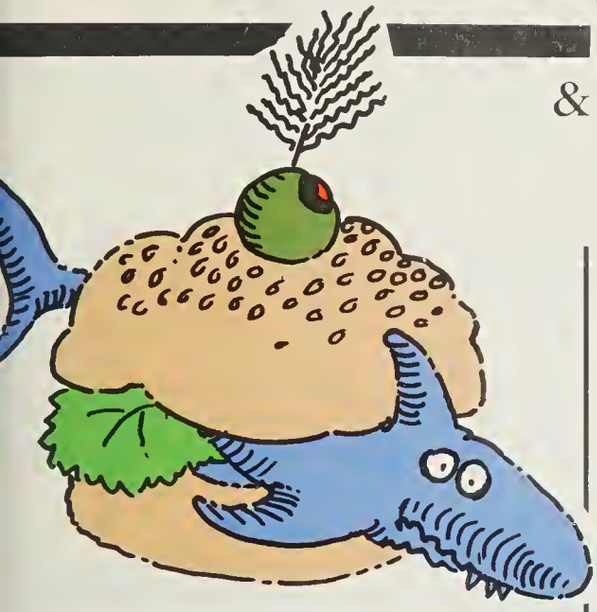

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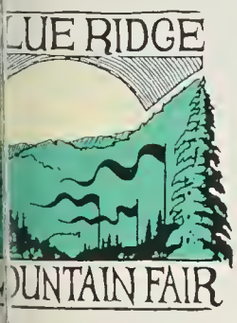
bounty of seafood cacies will be ed at the 13th ual Strange Sea- l Exhibition, Aug. at the North Caro- Maritime eum in Beaufort. he event will fea- tastings from 0 a.m. to noon 2 p.m. to 3:30 , and offer such oods as shark, ray, eel, sea urchins and sea lettuce.

Demonstrations on cleaning and preparing seafood are scheduled at the nearby harborside building and docks.

Tickets for the event are $5 and can be purchased at the museum's bookstore. For more information, contact the museum at 315 Front St., Beaufort, NC 28516. Phone: (919) 728-7317.



e Ridge Festival For 13th Year

od, crafts and c will be in le supply at the Annual Blue e Mountain Fair Festival, July 8, arta.

e festival is sched- for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Crouse House Park. Numerous exhibitors will be on hand to sell and display crafts.

For more information on the festival, contact the Blue Ridge Mountain Fair, Laura Bloodworth, P.O. Box 962, Sparta, NC 28675. Phone (919) 372-2653 or 372-5666.

Conservation Group Seeks New Members, Funds

The Watauga Land and Water Conservancy has embarked on a membership and fund raising drive for people interested in conservation measures in Western North Carolina.

The organization, founded in 1988, seeks to protect land and water areas in Watauga, Avery, Ashe and Alleghany Counties, as well as parts of Tennessee and Virginia.

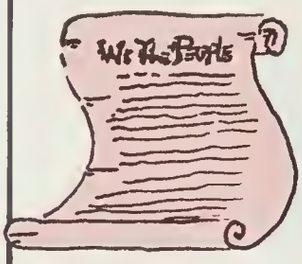
For more information on the organization, contact the Watauga Land & Water Conservancy, P.O. Box 1, Valle Crucis, NC 28691.

New Book Focuses On Constitutional Convention In 1789

A new book published by the state's Division of Archives and History describes North Carolina's second convention to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

Decision at Fayetteville: The North Carolina Ratification Convention and General Assembly of 1789, written by John C. Cavanagh, also covers important decisions made at the session, including the establishment of a state university.

The 41-page paperback is available for purchase by mail for $4, which includes postage. Send checks to Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 26711.



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Former shipmates of the *U.S.S. Chester CA27* are being invited to the crew's 10th reunion, Sept. 21-24, in Portland, OR.

For more information, write to Clint Moffitt, 2036 NW 14th Street, Gresham, OR 97030.

Beaufort Museum Sets Ocean Outings

Duke University's Maritime Lab vessel, *First Mate,* will be used this summer for Trawl and Dredge Trips, sponsored by the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

During the trips, the vessel will dredge the ocean, with museum guides available to explain the various sea life and plant forms that are found.

The trips, slated for various times during the summer, take place from 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tickets are $10.

For a trip schedule, contact the museum at 315 Front St., Beaufort, NC 27516. Phone: (919) 728-7317.

Visitors' Center Sets Opening

The Dismal Swamp and Canal Visitors' Center will be formally dedicated June 22 in Camden County—three miles south of the North Carolina-Virginia border on Highway 17.

The facility will feature a picnic area, tourist information and a 150-foot doc for boaters. The ce ter will be open fr 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ev day except Thanks ing and Christmas

The public is inv to the dedication a grand opening, wi attractions from H toric Albemarle To sites and displays f local craftsmen to featured.

The event will a mark the designati of the Dismal Swa Canal as a historic place in the Natio Historic Register o Historic Places.

Camp Esperance Offers Three Sessions

Students from along the east coast will be soaking up the French language and culture this summer at Camp Esperance in King.

The non-profit camp, located at the YMCA Camp Hanes near Winston-Salem, offers three sessions for students in grades 4 through 12.

In addition to French-related events, horseback riding, canoeing and swimming will also be available for campers.

Session dates for the camp are: Senior High, July 16-22; Junior Hig July 22-27 and Elementary, July 29-Aug. 1.

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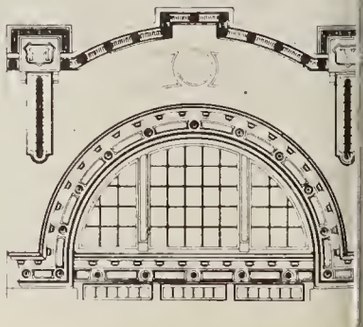

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Mountain Man Now Getting Electrici

Power flows as a result of joint efforts by a community action agency, a Virginia utility and Blue Ridge EMC.

By Randy Wheeless

Electricity is flowing for the first time to the remote cabin of an Ashe County mountain man, thanks to the problem-solving efforts of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Lenoir.

The electric cooperative was able to overcome some corporate obstacles with a neighboring utility to provide power for 69-year-old Jack Blevins and his new cabin on the North Carolina-Virginia border.

"It's something, ain't it," Blevins marvelled as the power came on in his cabin recently.

Last fall, Blevins and his now-deceased brother, Tom, came to the attention of the Blue Ridge Opportunities Commission (BROC) in North Wilkesboro. The two brothers were residing in a remote area of Ashe County—living in a dilapidated wooden shack with no electricity.

Finding the brothers was not an easy task for the agency. No roads led to their shack, and caseworkers had to follow an abandoned railroad bed to get to the area.

Shortly after the brothers came to the agency's attention, Tom Blevins, 73, died of cancer. However, the community action agency moved forward with plans to build a small cabin for Jack next to his original dwelling. With the help of volunteers, the agency built a 20-by-24-foot cabin with a kitchen and bathroom.

The cabin was also wired for electricity, but obtaining power became a problem. The nearest electric company was Appalachian Power Company in Virginia. But the investor-owned utility was reluctant to run electricity a distance of less than 2,000 feet across the state line--citing state regulations.

Blue Ridge EMC, whose nearest consumer was about a mile from Blevins, stepped in and requested that the Virginia utility run power to a metering point on the state line. Blue Ridge EMC would then pick up the power to serve Blevins.

"Blue Ridge EMC really used its clout to remedy the situation," said Betty Baker, executive director of BROC.

Photos by Maggie Tilley, Blue Ridge EMC,

ABOVE—Jack Blev shares a moment one of his dogs as tric service is hook up to his remote c near the North Ca na-Virginia borde LEFT—Blevins eye new cabin, which now being served Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir.

"It was going to cost us $20,000 to run power to the cabin using distribution system," said Jim Taylor, Blue Ridge EMC's Ashe County trict manager. "We were able to negotiate a deal so that Blue Ridge c run power to the cabin if Appalachian would deliver it to us at the sta line."

When Appalachian Power agreed to the plan, Blue Ridge EMC p two utility poles into service and hooked up Blevins' cabin in less tha day.

With the help of BROC and the co-op, Blevins is enjoying electri for the first time. His cabin is equipped with a stove and television, ar other items—a far cry from the days when he had to huddle up with pack of hound dogs during the winter to keep warm.

Still, Blevins has not forgotten his four-legged friends: "I give the that house," Blevins said—referring to the remains of his earlier resi

MAILBOX

Enormously Proud" To Be Part Of Cooperative Family

We read the enclosed article and felt we to share it with *Carolina Country* and mem- of Electric Membership Corporations every- ere. *(The article was about the role of Blue ge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, roviding electric service for the first time to mote mountain cabin in Ashe County. For ils, see story, page 10.)*

It's a true story of the unselfish dedication eople and a great corporation working to- er—the magnitude and scope of their com- d efforts in a difficult situation is amazing. A of compassion, caring and concern for a . We were mightily touched and read with a p in the throat. We are enormously proud to nembers of Tideland Electric Membership poration, our cooperative family.

We love the powerful little magazine, *Carolina Country,* and read every word from cover to cover. We read with great interest and pleasure and have found it is also a learning process in many diverse forms and channels, such as your passing on information about people, places, things and books.

One of those books is a sure-fire winner! *Island Born and Bred* by the Harkers Island United Methodist Women, "A Collection of Harkers Island food, fun, fact, fiction" and history. It's the star among our collection of cookbooks (for over half a century). It's the maker of new friends and a special invitation to Harkers Island and their first Annual Homecoming on May 7, 1989—a great celebration looked forward to with great anticipation. All because of a book—and *Carolina Country.*

Thanks for coming into our home each month, *Carolina Country.* Our appreciation for you and all Electric Membership Corporations everywhere, especially Tideland, is without end.

J. C. and Hazel W. Holton
New Bern

Why Are EMCs Building Coastal Generating Facilities?

Why in the world do we need Outer anks generation facilities? This will call for pending *12 million dollars* that we will have borrow.

In your April *Carolina Country* you have article that says U. S. electric co-ops EMCs) paid in $4 billion in interest in 1988.

Now the EMCs are going right back and orrowing $12 million, so that the rich city eople can stay at the beach without elec- ical outages. Those same people only use MC electricity two or three weeks out of e year. Will that pay back the $12 million? ho will pay it back? Where are *our* gen- ators for the times that *our* electricity is off?

We're the ones that will pay back the oney—the EMC members—the ones that y for 365 days a year worth of electricity!

Harold E. Kinnion
Rt. 1, Blounts Creek

The state's Electric Membership Corpo- tions are charged with the responsibility of oviding power within their assigned terri- ries without regard to whether the energy ws to farms and homeowners or to busi- sses and industries. And, of course, tour- n is an industry in terms of its economic impact on the Outer Banks. This obligation to provide service also applies whether those loads are steady year-round or vary with the seasons. When there are seasonal fluctuations, it can present problems during periods of peak demand for power. Generation capacity must be available to cover those peaks. This is the problem the EMCs face each summer at the Outer Banks because of the influx of tourists and part-time residents. But the co-ops must still find ways of meeting those summer peaks in demand and do it at the least possible cost.

North Carolina EMC, the power supply arm of the EMCs' statewide organization, provides power to 27 of the state's 28 EMCs, including Tideland EMC, Pantego and Cape Hatteras EMC, Buxton—the two co-ops serving Outer Banks territory. Part of the power is from the co-ops' share of the Catawba Nuclear Plant, but most of it must be purchased at wholesale rates from the investor-owned utilities.

During periods of peak demand, it will cost less to generate power on the Outer Banks than it does to purchase it from the investor-owned utility. This is because wholesale rates are higher for power during peak periods, and also because losses in the electrical system would be avoided.

The savings to be realized from the new generation facilities are expected to cover the initial cost of the new generators within about five years after they begin operating. Beyond that, the savings will help hold down the cost of power for EMC consumer-members across North Carolina.

The new generating units will be built as part of the EMCs' continuing effort to provide reliable electric service to all their consumer-members at the lowest possible cost.

The Editor

—Photos by Andy Thompson, Duke Power Con

Davidson EMC Hosts Catawba Plant Tours

Piedmont business and political leaders have gotten a first-hand look at the Catawba Nuclear Station recently, courtesy of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington.

The co-op recently sponsored two trips to the Rock Hill, SC, facility to acquaint invited guests with the plant. Catawba is jointly owned by five power supply organizations, including North Carolina EMC, which provides power to Davidson EMC and 26 other cooperatives across North Carolina.

Wayne Wilkins, the EMC's manager, said the tours were organized to open communications between the co-op and community leaders.

"When we (the state's EMCs) invested in the Catawba Nuclear Station years ago, we were looking to the future. This facility continues to play an important role in meeting the electrical needs of our members," he said, adding:

"All these leaders share with us a stake in shaping the future of the area and we wanted them to learn more about our operations and our goals."

Davidson EMC serves about 27,500 consumer-members in eight counties: Rockingham, Stokes, Forsyth, Guilford, Davidson, Randolph, Davie and Montgomery.

Officials of Davidson EMC, North Carolina EMC (NCEMC) and member the North Carolina General Assembly tour the Catawba Nuclear Station ABOVE—*From the left are David McCue, NCEMC interim executive vice ident, Rep. Joe Hege of Lexington, Rep. Peggy A. Wilson of Madison and Brown, NCEMC Catawba site representative.* BELOW—*From the left are Wayne Wilkins, Davidson EMC manager; Bob Carpenter, Duke Power C pany; Elizabeth Parris, Duke Power Company; James Lee Burney, mana of public affairs for NCEMC; Rep. J. Fred Bowman of Burlington and Rep. Julia C. Howard of Mocksville.*

Korean Officials Visi Crescent EMC Facilit

Two top officials of a Korean researc facility recently visited Crescent Electric Membership Corporation, Statesville, as part of a nationwide tour of battery research systems.

The scientists with Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute in Changwon, Korea, inspected the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at the EMC's head quarters. The visitors were Dr. Hoyong Kim, head of his agency's Power Distribution Laboratory and Jaeeon Kim, a researcher in the Power Distribution Laboratory.

The Korean institute plans to use battery systems for load management and peaking power. Crescent EMC uses BESS strictly for load management.

Donald Rice To Retire

loan Named Manager At Crescent EMC

R. B. Sloan Jr., manager of engineering and rations at Crescent Electric Membership poration, Statesville, has been named to suc- Donald D. Rice as general manager/execu- vice president of the cooperative.

Sloan will move into the new post July 1, n Rice begins retirement after 42 years in North Carolina rural electric program.

Sloan has been in his current position with cent for 16 years, overseeing all system neering studies, operations and mainte- e programs, power requirements studies system-wide safety programs.

The Iredell County native has a BS degree ectrical engineering from North Carolina University and a MBA with special interest nance and strategic planning from Queens ge. He is a registered professional engineer holds an unlimited electrical contractor's se.

He was elected to the Iredell County Board ommissioners last fall and became chairman at board in December.

Since 1985, he has also served on the board e North Carolina Rural Electrification ority. He has been chairman of that board October.

Sloan was a member of the board of the Employees Credit Union from 1981 gh 1988. He was vice president of that d for three years.

He is a past master of the Campbell nic Lodge and a member and past presi- of the Iredell-Statesville Sertoma Club.

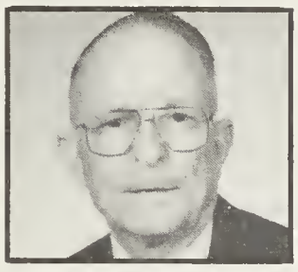
Sloan is married to the former Rita Cline of rsville. They have two children. He is a life- member of the Damascus Baptist Church.

Rice, a Pamlico County native, began his electric career in 1947 with Pamlico-Beau- MC, which later became part of Tideland Pantego. He was appointed assistant man- n 1950 and was promoted to manager in He was named manager of Cornelius EMC cklenburg County in 1964.

When that co-op merged with Davie EMC 70, he became manager of the newly d Crescent EMC. Rice has been the 's only manager.

Rice has been active in rural electric state- activities, serving as president of North

R. B. Sloan Jr.

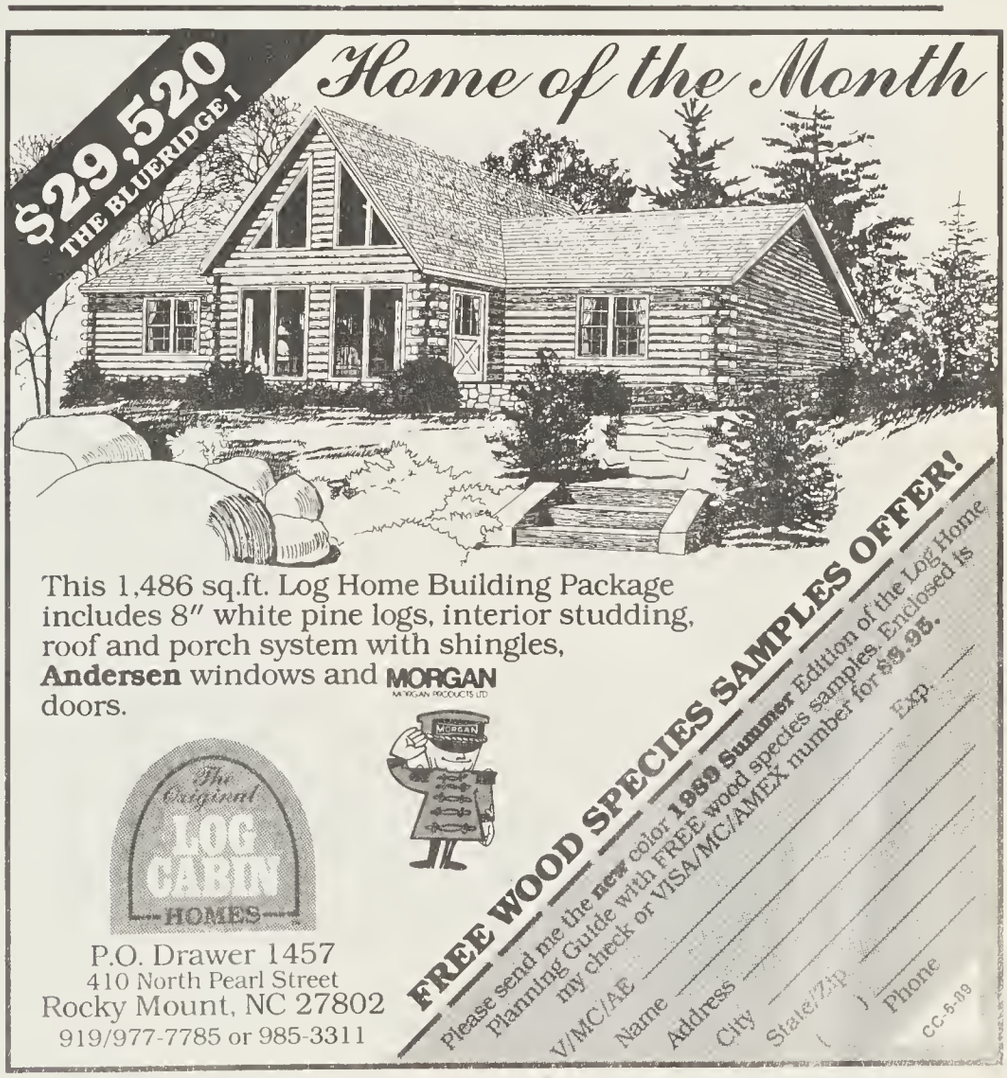


Donald D. Rice

Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) for two years. NCEMC is the wholesale power supplier to the rural electric cooperatives in North Carolina. He also had a role in the organization of the EMCs' statewide central purchasing and materials supply operation, Tarheel Electric Membership Association.

He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of NCEMC; a member of the NCEMC power supply committee and a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Crescent EMC is a rural electric cooperative serving about 34,700 members in parts of 11 counties: Gaston, Mecklenburg, Wilkes, Yadkin, Alexander, Iredell, Davie, Rowan, Cabarrus, Lincoln and Catawba.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Dinner On The Grounds: A Sumptuous Sprea

Suppose that you were organizing a large, friendly meeting in North Carolina and that you were required to serve hundreds of people a traditional dinner on the grounds. You couldn't do any better than to select the menu from top-quality items made by participants in the "Goodness Grows in North Carolina" promotion of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

This approach would assure you that your foodstuffs were produced in this great agricultural state and that everything was guaranteed to be first quality.

What could you offer as appetizers? You might choose crab fingers and other crabmeat items from Honeysuckle Seafood Kitchen of Coinjock, or shelled pecans from the Carolina Nut Cracker in Mt. Olive, frozen shrimp from Channelnet in Morehead City, popcorn from Carolina's Best Popcorn of Albemarle, peanut snacks from Tropical Fruit & Nut of Charlotte, or crab cakes from St. Elmo's Crab Cakes of Wanchese—where they get their seafood right off the boats.

Sausage may be a main dish for many folks but it can also serve as a tasty appetizer. Neese Country Sausage of Greensboro, a well-known name in the business, offers hot or mild sausage—as well as liver pudding, scrapple, souse meat and other pork products.

Your feast could offer a wide choice of main dishes: Ham and pork products come from Lundy Packing of Clinton; chicken, in many forms, comes both from Holly Farms of Wilkesboro and from Perdue poultry.

The menu could also include House of Raeford turkey, and also the very special product of Stegall Smoked Turkey of Marshville, whose delicious smoked turkeys are used both as special snacks and as main dishes.

Fish is gaining in popularity every year, and North Carolina is a major producer. For an interesting main dish, Carolina Classics Catfish of Ayden could provide that delicacy. You could fry it in Seafood Breader Mix from House-Autry Mills of Newton Grove—who could also provide the mix for hush puppies. Other quality corn meal producers are Buffalo Milling, Kittrell; Atkinson Milling, Selma and Davis Milling, Deep Run.

Roast or broiled duckling is growing in popularity, and North Carolina has the nation's Number Two producer: Concord Farms of Conc

In addition, Brookwood Farms of Siler City produces barbecued pork, beef, ribs as well as chili.

A traditional Tar Heel favorite is country ham, and "Goodness G has some of the best: Hancock's Old Fashioned Country Ham of Fran ville, Hickory Mountain Farms of Siler City and Wayco Corporation o Goldsboro, producers of the famed Waynesboro Country Ham.

A few tasty pickles would go well with a buffet tray. They could from Charles F. Cates & Sons of Faison and Mt. Olive Pickles of Mt. O You could also enjoy honey from Jim B's Apiary, Mt. Olive; Batchelor' Louisburg, The Apiary of Michael Harrill, Dallas; Ellis Apiary of Durh and B. & B. Apiaries of Winston-Salem.

Program Adds New Produc

"Goodness Grows in North Carolina," now in its third year a promotion of the Division of Marketing, N. C. Department of Agri ture, continues to grow. Total participation is now well past the 1 mark.

Several new food processors have been approved for enrollment in recent months.

Frito-Lay of Charlotte now can put the distinctive label on La Potato Chips and Ruffles Potato Chips, since both are made of Tar Heel potatoes.

Hal and Sarah Johnson of Jefferson, who have grown and ma keted the famous Booger Mountain Christmas Trees for years, are now in the program—along with Fraser Knoll Farms of Laurel Springs, who also sell Christmas trees.

Cheng Ng of Hillsborough produces Zing Sauce. Master's Market Ministry of Raleigh and B. &. B. Apiaries of Winston-Salem market honey, while Cross-Patch Farms of Bryson City produce a sell home-made preserves. Sunny Rows Strawberry Farm of Curri produces that delectable berry.

The Tinker's Trade of Raleigh has gift packs of Zing Sauce, cheese, mustard and chocolate truffles. W. & M. Enterprises of Ea Flat Rock has both classic and walnut shortbreads.

Participation in "Goodness Grows" is open, upon approval, t any producer of quality foods made from at least 51 percent Nort Carolina good products. Selected items get to use the distinctive logo. Participation is free; no payment is required at any time.

For more details, write or call Mrs. Teresa Hamby, Goodness Grows in North Carolina, Division of Marketing, N. C. Departmen of Agriculture, P. O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611. Phone: (919) 733-7912.

Along with all these taste treats, a well-bal-ed meal would require a choice of vegeta-. Hilltop Farms of Sparta has Bibb lettuce, ny Slope Greenhouse of Bear Creek has atoes and cucumbers, Langhorse Pick-Your-n of Gibsonville offers a choice of asparagus, berries, blackberries and raspberries in on.

Teachey Produce of Wallace has blueber-cucumbers and yams; Carolina Agro-Tech enderson has imperial and shiitake mush-ns; Jackson Farming of Autryville has sweet , snap beans, squash (two colors), cucum-, watermelons, cantaloupes, turnips, collards Irish potatoes. Green Haven Plant Farm of hage has hydroponic lettuce and Carolina en Foods of Wallace offers a wide choice of n North Carolina produce.

Thomas Greenhouses of Burgaw has toma- and European cucumbers. Peregrine Farm raham has raspberries and blackberries. erson Farms of Wallace offers squash, okra, hini, broccoli, sweet corn, cucumbers, ers and "greens."

Since North Carolina is the nation's ber One sweet potato producer, you can re to have a wide choice for this tasty dish. non Brothers of Goldsboro, Smith Farms of on, Godwin Produce of Dunn, Farm Pack uce of Spring Hope, Wayne E. Bailey Pro- of Chadbourn and Elevation Produce of on all provide quality sweet potatoes.

Irish spuds are provided by Ferebee Farms P. Wood & Son, both of Camden, and in Bright Produce of Elizabeth City.

Flavorings for all these dishes come from al sources. One of the best known nally is the famed "Texas Pete" line of hot , chili sauce and other items—which, de- their name, are produced in Winston-Salem W. Garner Food Company. The firm also s an assortment of jellies and jams under arner label.

Lakeside Mills of Seven Springs produces cue sauce as well as corn meal products. y Dew Products of Raleigh makes Big K's cue sauce.

f all this is not enough for your crowd, ina's Best Popcorn of Albemarle can pro- heir specialty and so can Grandy Farm Market of Grandy. And Harvest Time Foods of Greenville produces tasty dumplings.

Naturally, you need something good to drink with all this food. So our imaginary dinner could offer wines from Southland Estate Winery of Selma or from Duplin Wine Cellars of Rose Hill, who have done so much with North Carolina scuppernongs.

Children and grown-ups alike could enjoy fresh milk from Pine State Creamery in Raleigh, Coble Dairies of Lexington, Maola of New Bern, Carolina Dairies of Kinston or Milkco Dairy of Asheville. But the latter could also provide a unique drink in the "Goodness Grows" category. Milkco also bottles mountain spring water from its own springs at Asheville under the Land O'Sky label.

Pepsi Cola, the drink "born in North Carolina," is another choice for a cold beverage. And apple cider comes from Blue Sky Fruit Sales, Flat Rock.

If your friendly crowd still has room for dessert after this bountiful buffet, there are many choices: Mello Buttercup of Wilson has ice cream, along with Pine State, Coble, Milkco and others.

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Tar Heel Co-ops Call On Congress

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Representatives of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) visited with members of the Tar Heel Congressional delegation recently to discuss legislative issues affecting the nation's electric co-ops. PHOTO 1—*Officials of Brunswick EMC, Shallotte; Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs and Four County EMC, Burgaw, chat with Seventh District Rep. Charles Rose. From the left are James L. Smith, manager of economic development at Four County EMC; Rep. Rose; Don Hughes, manager of Brunswick EMC's Oak Island District Office; Randall Jones, administrative assistant at Lumbee River EMC and Hubert K. Brittain of Rt. 1, Bolivia, a director of Brunswick EMC.* PHOTO 2—*Dave Rowe, manager of member and public relations at Randolph EMC, Asheboro, left and Tony Cain, manager of administrative services at Piedmont EMC, Hillsborough, center, visit with Fourth District Rep. David Price.* PHOTO 3—*Meeting with Sixth District Rep. Howard Coble are representatives of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC) and Davidson EMC, Lexington. From the left are David McCue, interim executive vice president of NCAEC; Wayne Wilkins, manager of Davidson EMC; Ed Lee, a legislative assistant to the congressman and Rep. Coble.* PHOTO 4—*J. Kelly Hutchens, manager of Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson and Alden Starnes, of Rt. 1, Granite Falls, a consumer-member of Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, talk with Fifth District Rep. Stephen Neal.*

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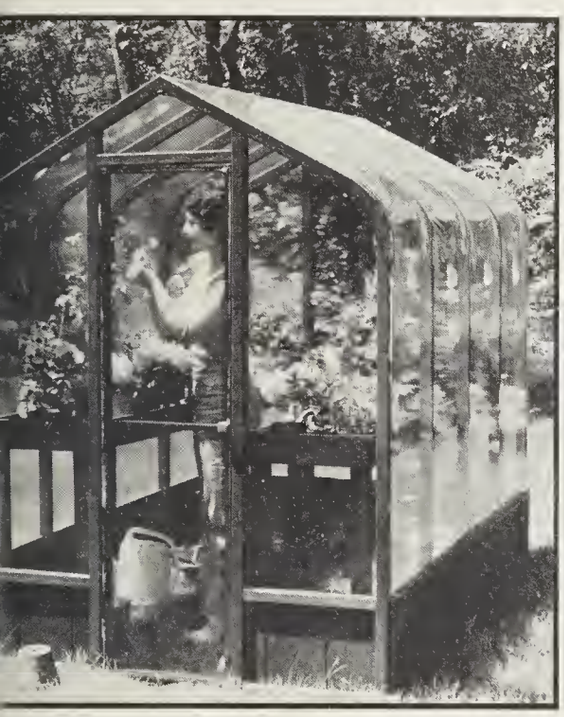

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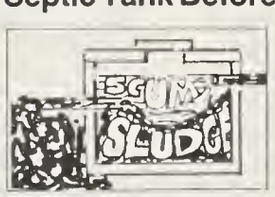

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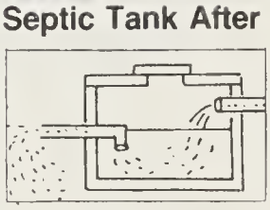

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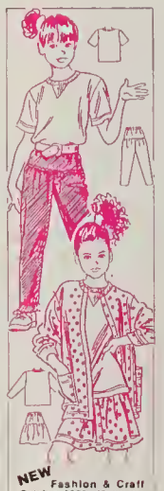

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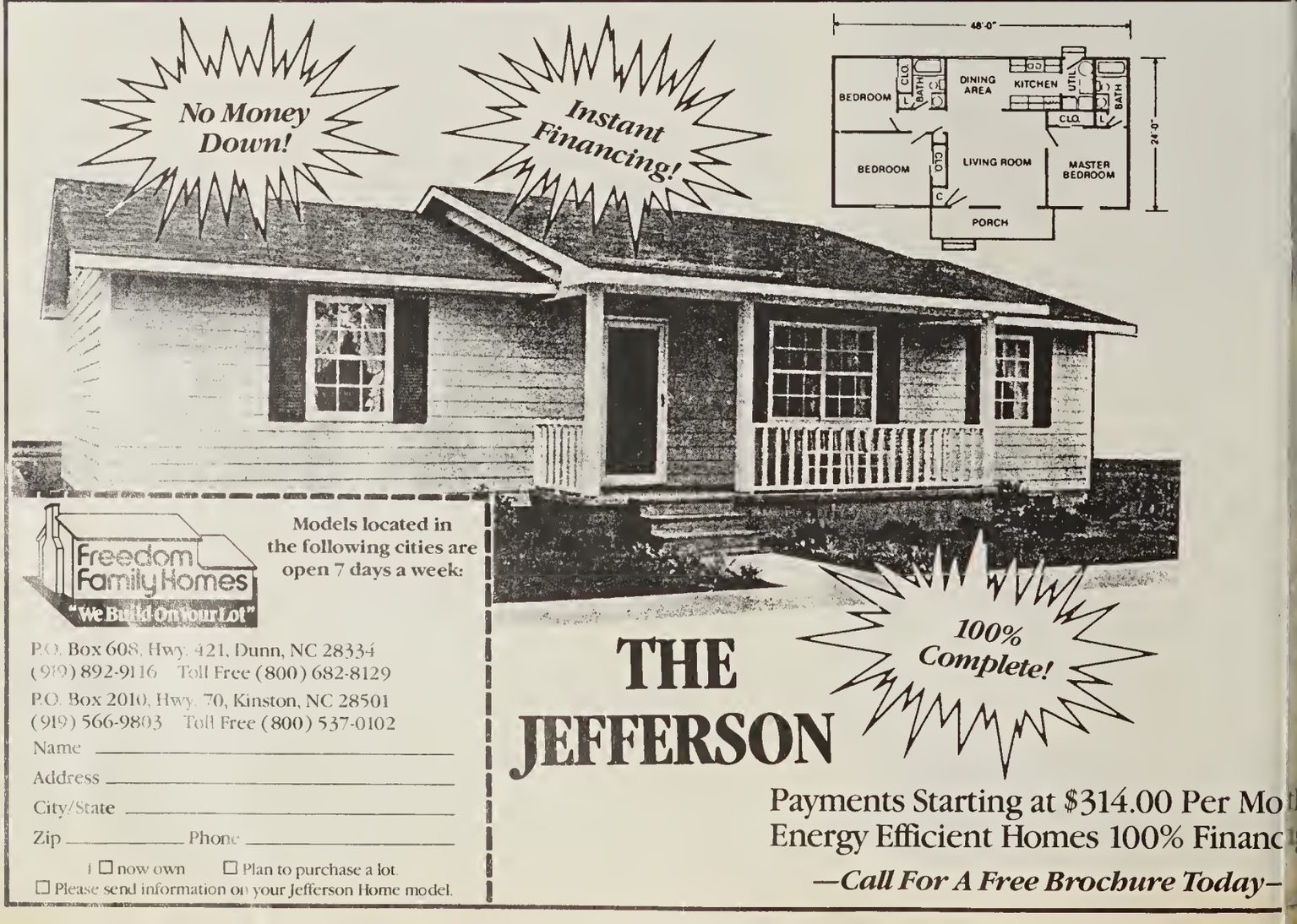

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Submitted by Diedra March, Walnut Grove

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1 C. chopped onion
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2 dashes Tabasco
Dash of pepper

Mix all ingredients together and marinate chuck roast overnight. Bake covered in 225 degree oven at least 8 hours or cook in crockpot on HI for 6 hours or overnight. Strain and cool meat. Shred meat, removing bones and fat.

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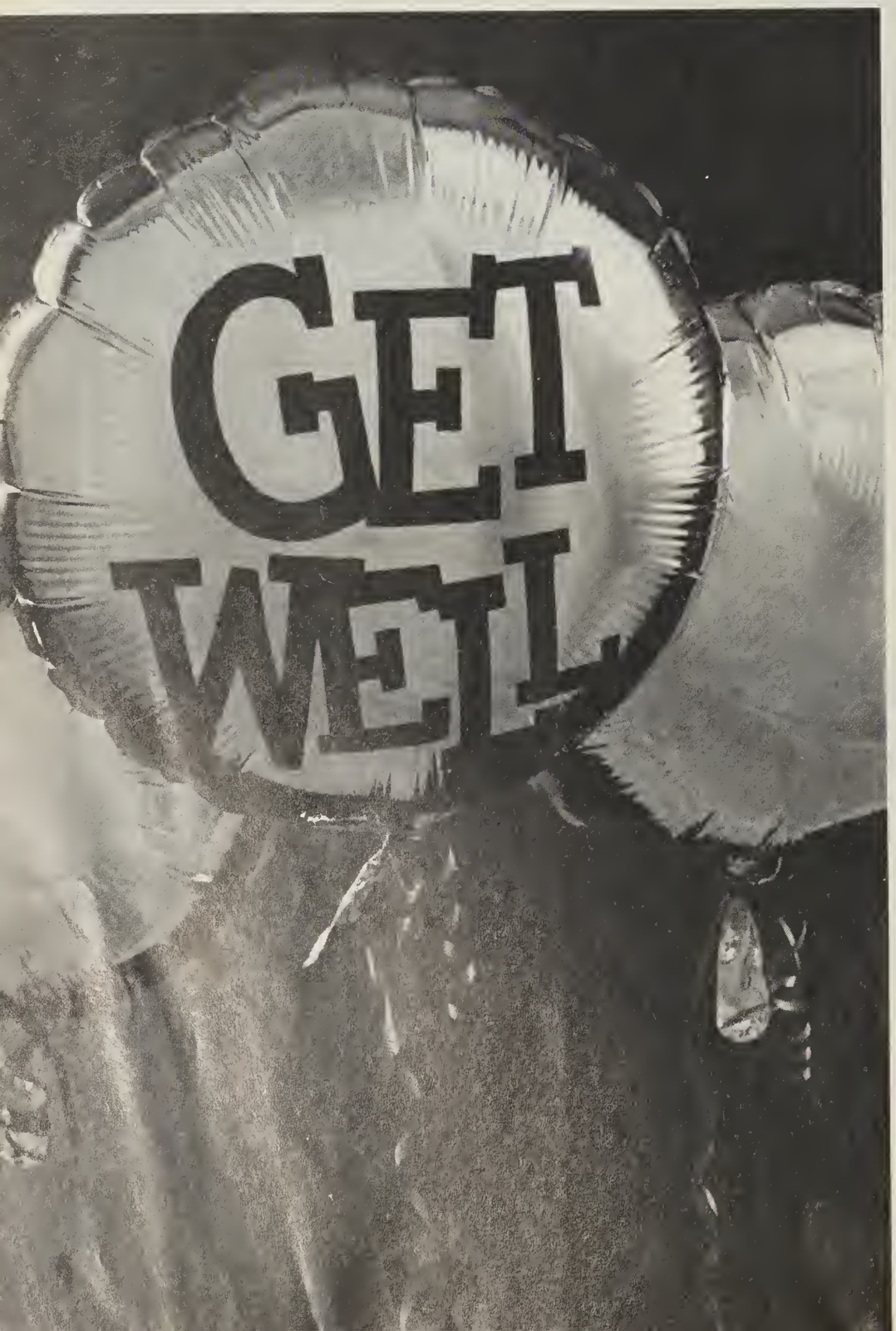

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The NCSF's Second Stage program will fea- new and contemporary plays—presenting in smaller theatres in Greensboro and on-Salem.

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The festival's Main Stage season will feature in a rotating repertory of performances Aug. 4 to Sept. 23.

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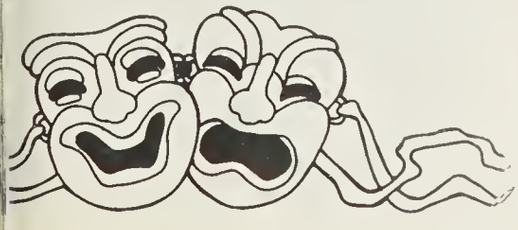

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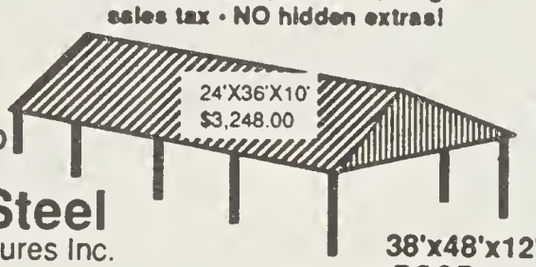

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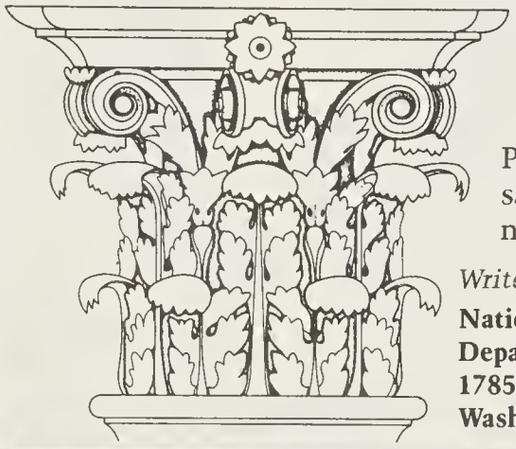

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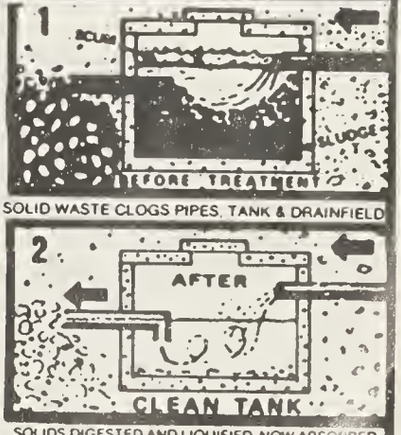

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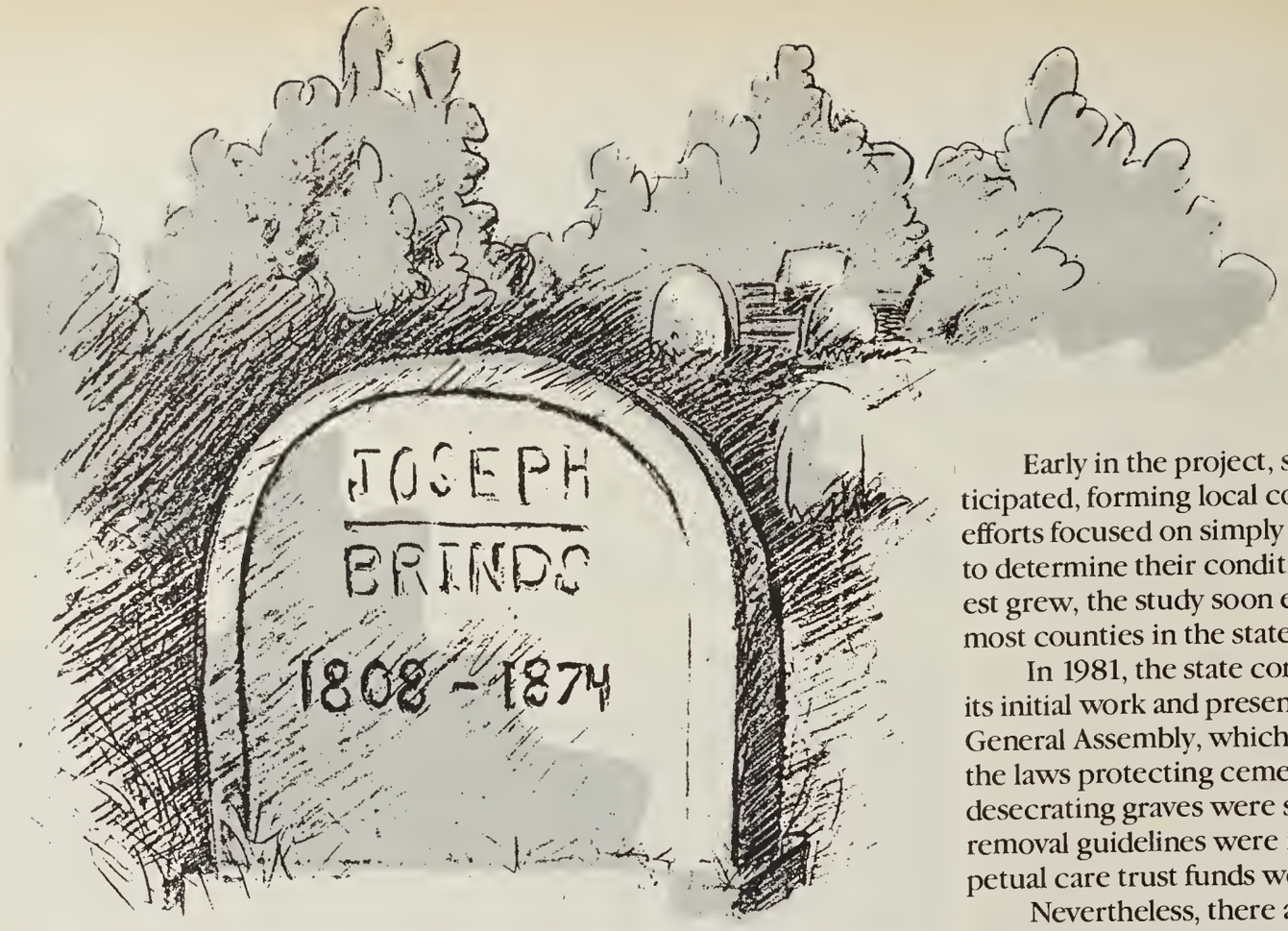

Statewide Survey Project Now Seeking Volunteers To Record Old Gravesites

Effort uses tombstones as a source for vital statistics for Tar Heels who died before 1913.

In a remote wooded cemetery, searchers chatter among themselves as they stoop to read and record information on the leaning gravestones.

The headstone readers are part of the North Carolina Cemetery Survey Project, an effort to record all cemeteries containing graves dated before 1913.

During this 10th anniversary year for the project, efforts are being made to recruit volunteers for this statewide effort.

The goal this year, according to Donna Flowers, state coordinator of the project, is to get all 100 counties involved.

The effort began in 1979, when the General Assembly created the Abandoned Cemeteries Study Committee to determine the condition of these forsaken cemeteries throughout the state. Operating under the Division of Archives and History within the Department of Cultural Resources, the committee's goal was to strengthen protective legislation governing abandoned cemeteries and unmarked graves.

Since birth and death statistics were not kept officially in North Carolina before 1913, the only records available for many Tar Heels lay in the quiet graveyards with their remains. Many of these cemeteries were abandoned—whole families had died out or moved away, leaving little information behind for the historians, genealogists, researchers, students and sociologists who seek these statistics.

Early in the project, seven counties p
ticipated, forming local committees with
efforts focused on simply locating cemet
to determine their condition. As public in
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most counties in the state.

In 1981, the state committee compl
its initial work and presented its findings
General Assembly, which acted to streng
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Nevertheless, there are still many u
marked burials in the state, especially in
mountains and rural areas. Many were n
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The second phase of the survey beg
around 1984, with an expanded goal—t
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themselves, and to collect photographs
graves and maps marking their locations
the project needs help, Mrs. Flowers said

"Volunteers are desperately needed
are losing these cemeteries, and with th
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Mrs. Flowers mentioned that old gr
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"If you see what looks like a grave-
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Anyone can participate in the proje
Mrs. Flowers will provide how-to inform
and furnish standard survey forms to be
pleted. These records, along with U. S.
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location of each cemetery, are then mad
available to researchers.

"It would be so nice if we could ge
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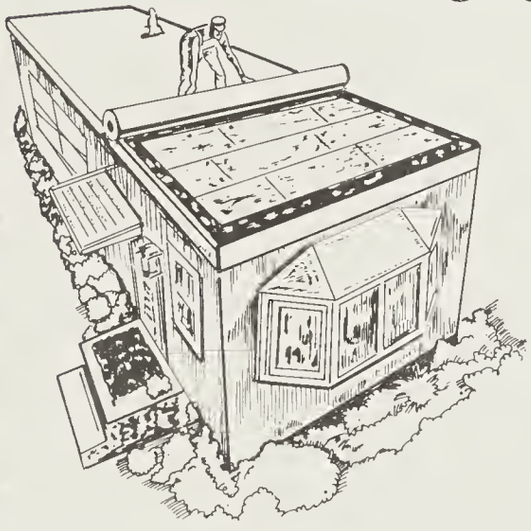

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A Senator Who "Does His Homeworl

Richard Cheney, the former congressman from Wyoming, is the new Secretary of Defense and President Bush's first choice for that post, John Tower, has gone back to private life.

Both can thank one man for their present status: Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA).

Ask anyone who watches the Senate closely to name the five most influential members and certainly Nunn's name would be included. His rise has been rapid since he first came to the Congress in 1972.

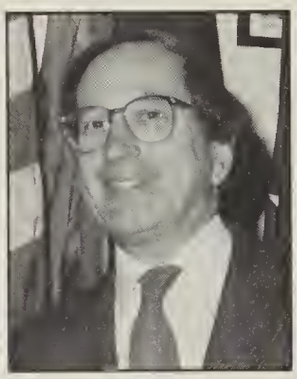
A small town lawyer from Perry, GA, Nunn ignored the advice of his friends and supporters to run for the Senate seat left vacant by the death of the legendary Sen. Richard Russell. One of the Senate office buildings is named for Russell, who is widely regarded as a giant in Senate history.

Somehow, Nunn managed to gain the support of both segregationist Lester Maddox and Julian Bond, the black Atlanta legislator, in his winning campaign. Nobody has stopped him since.

Today, as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the acknowledged expert in the upper body on defense matters, Nunn certainly has one of the most powerful positions in Washington. As a result, his decisions on how much is to be spent for defense proposals will loom large in discussions on balancing the federal budget.

The programs he sees as not being in the interests of the country will have a very hard time getting approval in the Senate—or at the Pentagon, where Nunn's views on weapons carry a lot of clout.

This means the Strategic Defense Initiative, the Star Wars idea that President Reagan supported so strongly, has little chance of getting more than a nominal sum for continued research. Nunn



Sen. Sam Nunn

thinks Star Wars, which would put up a swarm of missiles to attack incoming warheads, simply won't work.

The Georgian is also cool to the idea of putting our missiles on railway cars and prefers instead the system of smaller Midgetmen missiles as a deterrent to enemy attack.

Nunn also disagreed with Reagan's policy in Central America—which means there is only a slim chance that any more weapons or military assistance will be provided for the Contras to fight the government in Nicaragua.

By any measure, say Washington observers, his influence in the Senate over military matters is considerable. With interest fixed on cutting the budget during this year's session and with defense spending at the center of the budget debate, Nunn must be viewed as one of the most powerful figures in the Congress.

Just how did this 51-year-old small town lawyer from the deep South attain such stature in the halls of the U.S. Senate with all the body's tradition and history?

His genes may have helped for Sam Nunn was raised in a political family and heard political talk at a very early age. His father, an attorney, wasn't a full-time politician, but did find time to serve Perry as its mayor and was an active member of the state's political power structure.

In addition, his great-uncle was the famous Carl Vinson, who served in Congress for a half-century and who was an iron-fisted chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Nunn didn't have to steer the Defens Department to p military posts in Georgia; Uncle C had done that ye ago.

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In any case, the senator has recently turned his attention to issues other than defense. For example, he is the author of a bill to create a National Citizens Corps, which is reminiscent of Franklin Roosevelt's Conservation Corps of Depression days.

Nunn would enlist young people to work for up to two years at community jobs and offer to pay them $10,000 a year. The idea is to help the youths earn money they could use to cover college expenses.

The measure, sponsored in the House by Rep. Mike Synar (D-OK), will come before the Congress later this year.

While not doubting Nunn's sincerity in fostering the measure, some observers think this broadening of his interests may be part of a strategy leading to his 1992 presidential candidacy.

Meanwhile, if the military wants anything from Congress, they know they'll have to clear it with Sam Nunn of Perry, GA.

Congress, Bush Join Campaign To Revive A Flagging Rural Economy

The campaign to revive a flagging rural economy has picked up steam in recent months. Stirrings for meaningful rural economic development legislation could be felt in both chambers of Congress—the issue eventually caught fire with a vengeance in the Senate—and the lawmakers' activity prompted President Bush to get into the act, too.

The country's consumer-owned rural electric systems, represented in the capital by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, took the lead in pushing for federal help in revitalizing the rural economy, but they quickly lined up lots of help.

By mid-April, nearly 120 state officials, professional and development groups and other organizations from throughout the country had joined the association in calling on each member of Congress to support such legislation this year.

More than 30 U.S. senators responded to that plea, calling specifically for a $500 million program of development assistance aimed at creating jobs and business opportunities in rural areas and small communities. Major features of the proposed legislation were improved rural schools and services and measures to expand credit available for business start-ups or expansions.

A slightly smaller group of senators from both parties formed themselves into a rural development task force whose members pledged to speed legislation through their various committees. Maine's George Mitchell, leader of the Senate Democrats, promised that the chamber would take up rural development proposals within the year.

In the House, the Agriculture Committee's panel on conservation, credit and rural development announced plans to hold field hearings throughout the nation in June to provide the basis for comprehensive rural development legislation.

The White House responded to these overtures with a task force of its own. President Bush, speaking to farm broadcasters from Agriculture Department headquarters, said he had placed Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter in charge of a group assigned to filter through current assistance programs and suggest ways of strengthening them.

The government's best course is to team up with local business people, according to Bob Bergland, the chief rural electric co-op spokesman in Washington. At a Senate hearing on rural development proposals, he said, "The federal government can play an important role. However, such a role must be carefully thought through and executed.... In the absence of local leadership, commitment and input, federal resources are more likely to be wasted."

HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

By Hank S

Now's the time you can sense and see the spring-to-summer transition in your garden. Soil has warmed enough in most areas of the Carolinas for accelerated outdoor planting and most gardens are well under way.

Tomato Care

Young tomato plants set in the garden now will prolong the period of harvest until frost. Tender side shoots or "suckers" can be rooted to form new plants.

Plant tomatoes at least two inches deeper than they were previously growing. Apply a solution of soluble fertilizer as plant is set—this serves as a "starter solution."

Do not apply a mulch around tomato plants until after the first crop of fruit has set. The mulch will reduce soil temperature and delay setting of fruit.

Locate and Control Pests

Insects are becoming active. Diseases can spread rapidly. Now's the time to check for problems and begin a systematic attack. Use recommended sprays and dusts before tender plant growth is damaged.

Watch especially for thrips, bagworms, Japanese and June beetles, lacebugs, spider mites, chinch bugs and whiteflies.

Keep on the alert for blackspot and powdery mildew. These diseases are encouraged by wet foliage. So when you water be careful that leaves of roses remain dry. This also should be the practice in watering bedding plants. It's much better to water the soil around plants rather than hosing down the foliage.

For Bushier Plants, Pinch Tip Growth

Pinching back tip growth makes for bushier plants and encourages the formation of more flower buds. In addition to controlling the size of plants, pinching out tip buds will extend the flowering period.

Among annuals that best respond to pinching back the growing tips are petunia, ageratum, annual chrysanthemum, zinnia, drummond phlox, dianthus (pinks), verbena, snapdragon and browallia. Don't pinch back main stems of poppy, cockscomb or strawflower.

When the plant is about three inches high, break out the center above the second set of leaves. This will cause four little branches to form. If more bushiness is desired, pinch out the tips of these four branches a few weeks after they have grown and developed a bit.

However, pinching back after July 1 may cause flowering so late that blooms are killed by frost. Seedling dahlias may be pinched back until August 1 to induce flowering.

Perennial mums should be pinched every two to three weeks until mid-July.

Timely Tips

1. Prune climbing roses after bloom

2. Do hand weeding after a rain, wh soil is "soft."

3. Continue to apply acid fertilizer camellias and azaleas that bloomed ea in the season.

4. Apply about two inches of groun bark and/or pine straw mulch to shrubbery borders and flowerbeds for weed control.

5. Fertilize and spray fruit and nut t as needed now that they are setting a crop.

6. Root cuttings of mums and othe woody-stemmed perennials.

7. Remove faded flower blooms.

8. Make cuttings of such soft-wood plants as coleus, geranium, begonia an impatiens.

9. Thin out dead stems and branch such shrubs as spirea, flowering quinc mock orange, forsythia (yellow bells) deutzia.

10. Finish planting summer bulbs s as canna, caladium, tuberose, lycoris a tuberous begonia.

11. Cut flowers in late afternoon. P immediately in warm water in a draft- place. When water cools, flowers are to arrange in a vase.

12. Continue to spray roses each w for blackspot and mildew control.

Avoid Light Watering

Just as with lawn watering, frequent light watering is seldom beneficial to the vegetable and flower garden. Often it does harm in forcing roots to reach upward in search of the moisture. This places the roots near the soil surface, where they can be damaged by the hot sun and dry winds.

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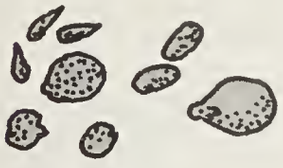
Don't Forget The Vegetables

If you've delayed in setting out tender eggplant, sweet and hot pepper plants get them in the ground soon. Also plant seed of squash, cucumber, okra, both bush and pole lima beans, snapbeans, sweet and roasting corn, and New Zealand spinach. There's still time to set out tomato plants for a late-season crop.

When you thin out leafy vegetables such as turnips, kale or beets, use the tops for greens. If space allows, plant some of the extra beet plants in rows three to four inches apart.



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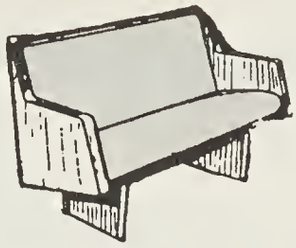

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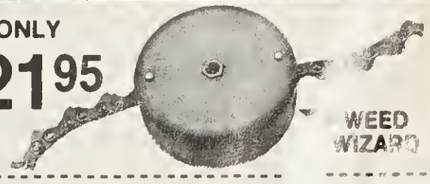

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Mature Motorists Could Face Up T Nine Driver's License Restriction

Many North Carolina motorists voluntarily cut down on their nighttime driving and make a point of getting on the highways when they can avoid heavy traffic.

But others must routinely operate their motor vehicles under restrictions established by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles. These restrictions are imposed by the agency when driver's licenses are issued and renewed.

This month's column outlines the 11 restrictions that can be applied to the licenses.

Two older North Carolina couples were making plans for a get-together—to enjoy a good meal at a favorite restaurant. One person spoke up:

"Let's make it a nice lunch. To tell the truth, we don't drive much after dark these days."

This was a case in which two people voluntarily curtailed their hours of operating the family car, without being under any sort of legal pressure to do so. Thousands of people have taken this step.

They also make other adjustments. If they're leaving on a trip, perhaps to the beach or mountains, they often wait until after the "morning rush hour" to hit the highways. Traffic is much lighter at 9:30 than at 7:30 or 8 in the morning.

But there are many thousands of North Carolinians who have some legal restraint on the "freedom" of driving their cars. If you look on the backside of your current driver's license, you can get some idea of the categories.

Most of us seldom look at this valuable license, once it's renewed for four years and we've made the customary remarks about the quality of the "instant" photograph on the front.

A total of 11 different restrictions are in common use today, and nine of them apply to mature drivers.

1. The simplest and most universal, calls for the driver to be wearing corrective lenses while driving. This affects North Carolinians of all ages, including teenagers.

2. Restricts a driver to 45 miles an hour, no matter what the actual speed limit may be.

3. Restricts the driver to daylight driving.

4. Requires both corrective lenses in your glasses and a 45-mile-an-hour limit.

5. Stipulates corrective lenses, 45 miles an hour, and daylight-only driving.

6. Requires corrective lenses and daylight driving, but without the speed limit.

7. Requires a 45 mph limit and daylight-only driving—but glasses aren't needed.

8. One of the newer restrictions. It prohibits only driving on interstate highways.

9. Allows for a specified limitation to be written on the face of the driver's license.

10. Requires that a driver be accomp by another driver licensed to operate the v being driven.

11. Requires accompaniment by a lic parent or guardian.

Cumulative figures are not available, l the officials of the North Carolina Division Motor Vehicles (DMV) agree that "thousa older North Carolinians" are affected by o the categories mentioned. The applicable gory is printed on the face of the license, u the red heading, "Restraint." (If you have no restriction applies.)

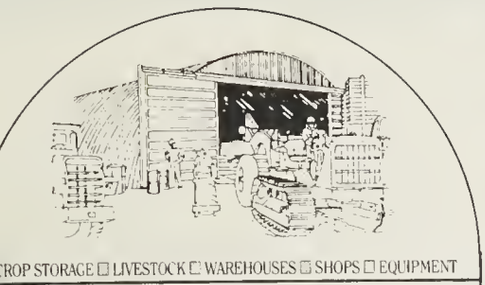
There is another category that can ap and often does at the time you go for a lic renewal. The license examiner has the dis tion to provide the driver with a medical f and ask, "Please get your family physician this out and bring it back. Then we'll see a your renewal."

In such cases, the examiner has appa detected something that has raised a ques he wants expert medical advice about. Th license will be "on hold" until the form is processed.

North Carolina has no law to restrict ing according to advancing age. Many of t drivers in the state are over 70, with some beyond 90. They get the usual four-year li

While you hear lots of talk about "slo reflexes," especially when compared to t teenage reflex, the N. C. Department of In ance has testified before Tar Heel legislato that older drivers comprise 24 percent of state's licensed drivers but they have only percent of the accidents. That's an enviab record. With more than four million drive older ones number more than a million.

Even so, some policy-makers believe folks should be tested more frequently, th tests should be required along with the vi test that's now required only for renewal those who have had no accidents and no v tions. But for now, the rule is: Keep your record clean, pass the visual and other tes you can legally keep driving in North Car subject to renewal every four years.



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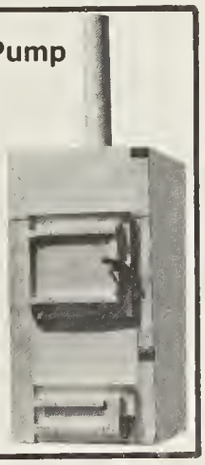

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flower beds
Waft lazily through
the air,
While birds and
cicadas sing
Sweet notes in
Nature's choir.

Sometimes my TV
plays too loud,
And the stereo, too, I
fear;
And I worry what the
neighbors may
think,
Then remember they
won't hear

So would I trade the
fresh outdoors,
And close the
windows for good,
And fill my house
with central air?
You bet your BTUs I
would!

— Violet Nelson Hart
R., 12, Lexington

Her "Light of Faith" Still Burn

When I first met Barbara Deverick about 15 years ago, I was new to the rural electric program, having just joined the electric co-ops' state association and *Carolina Country*.

We were at a cooperative meeting of some sort, but the details are hazy now. Still some images of the encounter remain clear: her firm handshake, her youthful enthusiasm as she talked about co-op affairs, her bobbing head offering positive feedback to various speakers.

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30 years with Blue Ridge Electric Memb
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recruit.

By all accounts, that fervor never w
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saw her, a couple of years ago. It was at
another co-op meeting, this one featurin
Barbara as one of the speakers. She talke

Hapi: A "Worthy" Successor To Geor

The King is dead, long live the Queen!

George, the snake who reigned as the most famous attraction at the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences for 25 years, has a successor: a female python named Hapi—pronounced HAY-pe.

We offered a "final farewell" to George last month after he had to be put to death in April, a victim of cancer at age 28.

The museum's new resident reptile is just a kid compared to George. She's just 5 years old. And at 15 feet in length, she's a foot shorter than her predecessor.

Hapi was given to the museum by Nannse A. and Richard I. Babcock Jr. of Greenville.

"I'm going to miss him. He's been my buddy for a long time," said Babcock, noting that the docile pet often rode in his car, coiling in the back window.

Mrs. Babcock said she and her husband had often taken Hapi to schools but the snake has now become too heavy to handle.

Museum officials at first established a no-name policy for the new snake, but finally yielded to public pressure to let the snake be known as Hapi. She was named for an Egyptian god of the Nile, according to Mrs. Babcock.

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her travels around the world on behalf of the cooperative
ment, showing slides of many of the places she'd visited to help
e in undeveloped nations establish their own cooperatives.
After that occasion, her pace was slowed as she coped with a debil-
g illness, but she never lost her spirit to "keep on keeping on"—
irit that had helped undergird so many of her special causes:
eratives, the development of northwest North Carolina, beautifica-
ommunity projects, her church.
he was to be honored for her efforts to advance co-op principles
shington April 12 as one of the 1989 inductees for the National
erative Business Association's Co-op Hall of Fame. But the ravages
kemia took their inevitable toll—and the whirlwind was calmed
od on April 3.
When friends and loved ones gathered at Barbara's church, First
t Christian Church in Lenoir, for a memorial service, they heard
scribed as a "great light" that had gone out.
he Rev. Floyd Boston, a former member of the Lenoir church
s now pastor of Hickory's First Advent Christian Church, used
nage as part of an "open letter" to Barbara.
le said, "While you helped bring electric light to some of the
of the world and while you brought the light of leadership to all
aces where you served, I think you brought a greater light than
these, and I think I was a recipient of it."
lore than 40 years ago, he said, "you were a shining light to a Sun-
hool class, boys and girls who saw in you what a Christian ought
nd your light, as well as Percy's (her husband), lit our path. . . ."
oston said that "light" led him and other members of the class to
e ministers or to play other roles in full-time Christian service.
e added: "Barbara, bearer of light, your light has gone out for the
nt, but we want you to know that the light of faith you lit in us is
rning."
everly Finney, who had known Barbara for 20 years and worked
er after joining the staff of Blue Ridge EMC, heard those remarks
ote about them in a guest column that appeared in the Lenoir
Topic. She pointed out that after the service one of the officiating
ers suggested a way for the mourners to ease their grief.
f you feel you somehow owe her something," he said, "let me
t that you go out and find someone she would have helped. Then
at person, in God's name and in Barbara's."
everly wrote: "Barbara would have liked her minister's sugges-
rely the need is there. It's in our schools, our helping agencies,
unteer and business organizations. It's in our governments,
es and our health care system. It's just across town, out on the
utes and around the world.
es, and the need is there for people like Barbara Deverick. And
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easure of the kind of service she gave so joyously and so freely
thing she did."

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Barbara Deverick visited undevelope nation around the world to help people orga ize the r own cooperatives. Her collection of hotos from these travels included these s ts of l er in the Philippines (Photo 1), Bolivia Photo 2) and Costa Rica (Photo 3).

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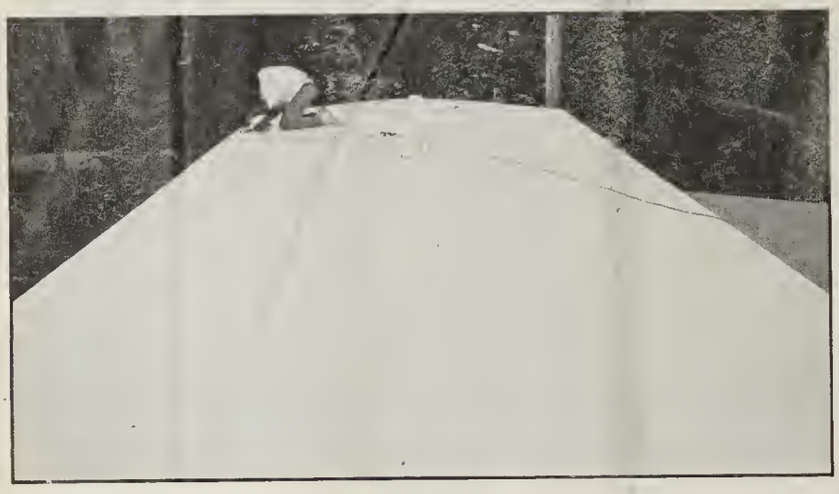

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